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FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1898

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, PN, ES

SUBJECT: MEDIA INCREASINGLY CRITICAL OF MOLINA

REF: PANAMA 3362

1. MASSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE  
OF BORGONOVO'S DEATH HAS  
CONDEMNED THE USE OF TERRORISM TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL  
JUSTICE. TORRIJOS IS QUOTED AS SAYING "BORGONOVO  
WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON...THE BULLET THAT PIERCED  
HIS BRAIN ALSO DEEPLY PENETRATED THE FEELINGS OF US  
WHO LOVE HIM". STATEMENTS BY THE CHURCH, THE OAS,  
COL. CLARAMOUNT AND THE COSTA RICAN COMMUNIST PARTY  
DEPLORING THE MURDER HAVE RECEIVED PROMINENT COVERAGE.

2. A SPATE OF ARTICLES ANALYZING THE DOMESTIC CRISIS  
IN EL SALVADOR AND CITING THE DANGER OF INCREASED  
GOVERNMENT REPRESSION WAS CAPPED ON MAY 13 BY LONG  
ARTICLE IN THE GOP-CONTROLLED ERSI PAPERS (BYLINED  
TOTY SUAREZ) DIRECTLY BLAMING PRESIDENT MOLINA FOR  
THE DEATH OF BORGONOVO. STORY TRACES MOLINA'S RISE  
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TO POWER AS A "REPRESSIVE AGENT OF THE OLIGARCHY",  
AND CONCLUDES THAT MOLINA HAS MANAGED TO LOSE SUPPORT  
OF THE 14 FAMILIES BY HIS "INHUMAN INTRANSIGENCE"  
IN REJECTING THE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS.  
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